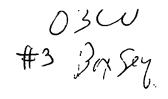
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The Notice to Comply states that the Applicants must supply an initial "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form (CFR), an initial paper copy of the Sequence Listing, an amendment directing its entry into the Specification and any statements as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(a) or 1.825(b).

In response to the Notice of Comply, Applicants submit the following items:

- 1. The instant Response and Amendment;
- 2. A computer readable form (CRF) of the Sequence Listing;
- 3. A paper copy of the Sequence Listing;
- 4. Statements as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.825 (a), (b) and 1.821 (f), (g) and;
- 5. A return copy of the notice to comply.

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 52, line 2, please delete the paragraph and insert the following new paragraph

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--1. HIV-3LTR (SEQ ID NO:1)--

On page 53, line 3, please delete the paragraph and insert the following new paragraph

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-- 2. Sequences from HIV-3 3' ORF (SEQ ID NO:2)--

Please insert the presently submitted Sequence Listing into the Specification as a separate page 65.